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PLASMA ETCHING METHOD
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☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

☐ Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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| Independents: | 2 | - | 3 | = | 0 | x | \$86.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: | | + | | | | | \$290.00 | = | \$0.00 |
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 6, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: